

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has been commissioned in time;

(b) if so, the capacity and the amount spent so far on its first phase;

(c) the total production achieved in 1991-92,

(d) whether the second phase of the expansion has also been completed;

(e) if so, the capacity and the project

cost thereof; and

(f) the amount allotted to the plant during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There has been delay in the completion of VSP due to constraints in availability of funds and delay on the part of various agencies engaged. The project is being implemented in two stages of 1.5 million tonnes of crude steel per annum capacity each. The amount spent upto the end of February, 1992 was Rs. 7349 crores on the project as a whole. Stage-I of VSP was completed in November 1991.

(c) The total production during the year 1991-92 upto February 1992 is as under—

Item	Quantity ('000 tonnes)
(1) Hot Metal	1100
(2) Crude Steel	519
(3) Saleable Steel	444
(4) Pig Iron	563

(d) and (e). Majority of the units under Stage-II of VSP have been completed/commissioned. The remaining units are scheduled to be commissioned by August, 1992. The capacity of VSP, on completion, will be 3 M. T. of Crude Steel per annum. The total cost of the project at 3rd quarter, 1991 prices, is estimated at Rs. 8349 crores.

(f) The funds made available to VSP from various sources during the last three years were as follows:-

Year	Amount (Rs. in crores)
1	2
1989-90	1057.30
1990-91	1111.31
1991-92	863.69